

## ALL BARRELS OF EUROPE AGAIN ARE DEVELOPING FIERCE FIGHTING

French Launch Desperate Attack Against German Lines, Which Fail, While They In Turn Repulse Teutonic Counter Assault

RUSSIANS ARE LEADING UP TO ANOTHER ADVANCE

Italians Recapture Heights West of Gorizia and Defeat Austrians At Sonzo, Slavs At Same Time Rout Turks In Caucasus

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 29.—From almost every front of the life and death struggle in Europe there come reports of fierce fighting, but so far as the news is concerned, the situation, there have been few if any changes of position by any of the combatants.

Berlin wireless reports picked up in the stations on the east coast of Great Britain announce that the French troops in the trenches around Neuville St. Vaast yesterday launched a desperate attack on the Teutonic lines, but without success. The German despatches say that the Teutons repulsed the attack, inflicting great losses on the French troops by means of hand grenades.

French Also Repulse Attack The same source is authority for the report that the French were equally successful in repulsing a German assault upon their line along the road between Arras and Lens. It was here that the heaviest fighting apparently took place, although the Berlin despatches give no further details of the struggle.

Berlin also announces that the Gallie aviators were successful in destroying a munition depot at the little town of Busselville, but neglect to state how much damage was done by the birdmen.

Heavy Artillery Outraged From the eastern front comes the report, also from Teutonic sources, for Petrograd has sent nothing in the last twenty-four hours that throws any real light on the situation, that the Russians have resumed their heavy artillery work along their whole front. In Berlin this is regarded as a threat to the German general attack and it is understood that the Kaiser's generals are sending heavy reinforcements to Galicia.

From Rome comes the announcement that the Italian troops, who have been fighting the Austrians in the snow covered reaches of the Alps, have recaptured the heights west of Gorizia, which they were compelled to surrender some days ago.

Desperate Counter Repulsed The Austrians made a desperate counter-attack, say the despatches, but this was repulsed by the Latin soldiers who are said to have inflicted heavy losses on their assailants.

A similar result was reported in the clash between the Austrian and Italian troops on the upper Isonzo. Here the Austrian columns attempted an advance, but the Italian lines held firm and the Teutons were driven back with large losses in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Reports from the operations in the Caucasus are all to the effect that the Russians have again inflicted a defeat upon their Ottoman foes.

Munitions Are Captured In the more recent operations the Slavs are said to have taken large quantities of munition stores, by the Turks, including a large supply of arms and ammunition. They are said to have beaten a Turkish column operating south of Lake Urmiah, Persia.

## DUPONT POWDER MILLS ARE BURNED TO GROUND

Company Officials Say Fire Was Work of Incendiaries

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Ship.) WILMINGTON, Delaware, January 29.—Seven workmen were injured or seriously injured, three of them seriously, yesterday, when 180,000 pounds of smokeless powder caught fire in the Dupont powder mills at Carney's Point near here.

The powder was destroyed and the mill in which it was stored was burned to the ground with a loss of more than \$100,000. Four other buildings in the plant caught fire in rapid succession one after another, before the other was extinguished.

There is little doubt, say officials of the company, that this fire was the work of incendiaries.

## BERLIN CLAIMS BRITAIN LOOSENS ORIENTAL GRIP

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, January 29.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says today that the German press is correct in stating that a special agreement has been reached between Japan and Great Britain, giving Japan a preponderance of influence and interests in the Far East.

## PRESIDENT PICKS L. D. BRANDEIS AS LAMAR SUCCESSOR

Selection of Boston Attorney Comes As Surprise To Official Washington

HIS CONFIRMATION IS REGARDED AS CERTAIN

Appointee Dines At White House, But Refuses To Discuss Elevation

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, January 29.—The name of Louis D. Brandeis was sent to the senate yesterday by President Wilson for confirmation as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, to succeed the late Joseph R. Lamar. While this nomination came as a distinct surprise, it is stated that there is a safe majority for his confirmation in the senate.

Mr. Brandeis dined at the White House yesterday with the President and Mrs. Wilson. He declined to make any statement regarding his chances for confirmation, but senators who have discussed the appointment appear to be confident that the President's choice will be approved.

Some Senators Object A few senators have openly advanced objections to the choice of Mr. Brandeis, but those in the open are only a handful. The majority of the senators are non-committal.

If the nomination of Mr. Brandeis is confirmed, he will be the first Jew to sit on the supreme court bench.

The name of Mr. Brandeis had not before been mentioned in connection with the position. The name of A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, former President Taft, Senator Elihu Root and others had been heard but it was not known that the President was considering Brandeis.

Has Brilliant Career A few appointees were born at Louisville, in 1856, and admitted to the bar in 1878, taking his law degree at Harvard. He has practiced at Boston since 1879 and has won a national reputation as a brilliant student and practitioner, being particularly well known for his municipal fights in Boston and his appearances before the Interstate Commerce Commission and other bodies. He is an authority on franchises, rates and similar technical subjects.

An Eminent Authority Mr. Brandeis is regarded in Washington as an eminent authority on scientific management and labor trust questions. He was counsel for Louis Glavin in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation which resulted in the retirement of Richard A. Ballinger as secretary of the interior, and was at the forefront in demanding an investigation of the affairs of the New Haven railroad.

BRITAIN DENIES ALL CHARGES OF CRUELTY Says Most Teuton Allegations Are Unqualifiedly Untrue

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 29.—Charges that the British and French have been treating German prisoners with extreme cruelty, as contained in an official note from the German government to the British government, forwarded through the American diplomatic channels, were made public here yesterday by the British press, which emphatically and unqualifiedly denies the charges so far as the British are concerned.

The German note contains a number of alleged instances where German prisoners have suffered while in the hands of the troops of the British and French at the front. The British reply denies that there is any truth in a majority of the allegations and states that the remainder are grossly exaggerated.

## THREE SCORE ALLIED AEROPLANES DESTROYED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, January 29.—Since the first of October, according to the official reports from the German front in France and Flanders, the Allies have lost a total of sixty-three aeroplanes, many of the aviators and observers being killed and others being captured.

## COLONEL HOUSE BEGINS HIS LABORS IN BERLIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, January 28.—Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's special emissary to the warring capitals, today began a series of "conversations" with German officials, the first being a luncheon in the American embassy. The American point of view is being impressed on the belligerents.

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## DAM BREAKS NEAR SAN DIEGO CITY, KILLING FOURTEEN Otay Reservoir Goes Out Flooding Tia Juana Valley

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LOS ANGELES, January 29.—The climax of the storms which have swept over southern California of late came last night when the Otay dam, fourteen miles south of San Diego, causing the destruction of twenty-five houses and drowning at least of fourteen men, women and children.

While the earlier reports of the death of a number, later despatches indicated that the total might reach fifty dead in all, or even more.

Otay dam was one of the chief sources of the water supply for San Diego, and is situated high in the hills to the south of the city. Near it is the little town of Otay, and scattered about in the Tia Juana valley at the base of the hills are scores of ranch houses.

The despatches from San Diego last night said that much of this fertile country is inundated and that "scores of ranchers are reported missing."

## ASKS AGREEMENT ON 'DIVER' WAR

Uncle Sam Appeals To Fighters To Formulate General Sea Pact

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, January 29.—A new and important policy is today being enunciated by the United States which will affect all belligerents and which, it is hoped, will result in a general agreement or understanding that will safeguard the lives of neutrals and non-combatants at sea.

The United States is sending to each of the belligerent nations notes asking them to make a general agreement which will "square their submarine warfare principle with humanity and law."

This agreement is that their merchant ships shall not go to sea armed, and that merchant vessels shall not be attacked by submarines without warning, nor without affording guarantees of safety for those aboard.

In its note, the United States says that merchant ships should carry no armament whatever.

The Powers are notified that unless they subscribe to such principles, the United States will issue orders denying to armed merchant vessels entry into any American port, except under the conditions applying to warships. No armed merchant vessel may remain in an American port longer than twenty-four hours nor coal overboard the regulation period for war vessels.

## ASKS PROVISIONS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Ewa Ward Pleads With House Judiciary Committee for Workers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, January 29.—Eva Ward, who is here as the official spokeswoman of the American Association for Labor Legislation, appeared before the house judiciary committee yesterday, requesting more liberal provision for federal employees who may be killed or injured in the performance of their duties.

She cited the cases of the civilians killed and injured in the recent gas explosion in the submarine E-2, while installing Edison batteries, as illustrations of the inadequacy of the Federal Employees Act. Under that act, the maximum that will be given to the families of the men killed or permanently injured is \$4000 each, for full compensation.

Charles P. Neill, former United States commissioner of labor, designated the maximum compensation as "meagre" as "pitifully and disgracefully small," as the majority of the men injured aboard the E-2 are young men with families.

## GARBAGE SCHOONER AND CREW LOST

Wreckage of Aberdeen Found; Seven Believed Drowned

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, January 28.—The wreckage of the steam schooner Aberdeen, which carries away garbage from Oakland, was found on the beach today two and one-half miles south of the harbor entrance.

The Aberdeen went out last night, despite the gale, with a load of garbage to be dumped at sea.

The captain, chief officer, chief engineer, a sanitary inspector and four sailors are all believed lost.

## DIES HIMSELF AS HE PRESSES DEATH BUTTON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) RALEIGH, North Carolina, January 29.—Just after he had pressed the button which turned on the current for the electrocution of two negro murderers and the two bodies strappled in their chairs had twinkled in their death strappings, Warden Sale, an old government employe at the state penitentiary, himself dropped dead in the death chamber. Apoplexy is given as the cause.

The Sweetwater dam, another in the chain of the dams that are used to gather water for the city, is reported to be weakened by the rains and tremendous pressure of the water from the recent floods, and last night it was feared that it too would go, out before morning, carrying with it many of the houses in the valley below.

The collapse of the Otay dam came without warning that people heeded, although for several days it had been known that the water level in the dam was higher than it had ever stood before since the structure was completed.

In the towns of Otay and Palm City, men who had visited the place after the recent storms reported that there were signs of a collapse, but no attention was paid to them.

The water department of San Diego county has been working for several days on the task of strengthening the walls and sides of the dam, and it was believed that they had succeeded in making it secure. Then came the rain and storm of Wednesday, and the water level already high, rose higher.

## ARKANSAS RIVERS IN FLOOD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, January 29.—Hundreds of Arkansas are homeless and thousands of acres of land have been inundated along the lower reaches of the White and Arkansas rivers. The storm is the worst in twenty-five years. The Arkansas river is four miles wide at Moberly.

## DOCTOR PEDON WILL MARRY MISS SPRING

Honolulu Medical's Engagement Announced In San Francisco

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, January 29.—The engagement of Dr. John C. Pedon and Miss Dorothy Spring, daughter of John H. Spring, the Berkeley multi-millionaire, was announced last night. Doctor Pedon, until recently, had been an interne in The Queen's Hospital, Honolulu.

The romance of Miss Spring and Doctor Pedon reached a most sensational climax, when, while in Honolulu on her way home from a trip into the Far East, Miss Spring ran down and fatally injured Mrs. George Hermann Moore at the Pali. Doctor Pedon was in the automobile with her at the time, and with her was arrested and held under bail pending the result of the injuries to Mrs. Moore.

A few days after she left the island, city, Doctor Pedon followed, coming on the last east-bound trip of the Great Northern. Cupid won and the couple will be married some time this spring.

## REVOLUTIONISTS TAKE CAPITAL OF SHENSI

Capture Singan After Battle Lasting But Eight Hours

(Special Cable to Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, January 28.—After an eight hours' engagement, the revolutionary forces succeeded in forcing their way into Singan, the capital of Shensi province, yesterday, and the garrison is now in the hands of the revolutionists. The attack was made by soldiers from the districts near the capital, and the monarchists made a strong stand, but were outnumbered.

The military governor of this province is reported missing, and it is believed that he has made his way to Honan. This province is the third province in the north that has gone over to the revolutionists and only Chili and parts of Shansi remain to be attacked by the rebels.

Revolutionary forces from Yunnan made an attack on two strongholds in the province of Hunan, and have already captured three districts in this province. Chang Sha, the capital, is still in the hands of Yuan's troops, and it is the one stronghold of the monarchists in this province. Yunnan troops will make an attack on the capital city this week, according to late reports.

Yuan Shih-kai, fearing that the troops of Chang Sha may go over to the revolutionists, has ordered the troops of Yao Chao to relieve them.

Yuan Shih-kai ordered the secretary of foreign affairs in Peking to confer with the German minister there. The German minister stated today why Germany recognized Yuan Shih-kai. The German minister stated that according to international law the nation had a perfect right to recognize the Yunnan government as independent.

## BRITISH LOSSES TOTAL OVER HALF A MILLION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 28.—Mortality statistics for the war to date, on the British side, were made public in a statement today by Premier Asquith. The total casualties amount to more than half a million killed, wounded, missing and prisoners. Up to January 9 the total was 549,476, of whom 24,122 were officers.

## WILSON PREPARING FOR PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, January 28.—President Wilson is today busy at the White House clearing his desk of all matters demanding his immediate attention, preparatory to leaving late this evening for Pittsburgh, where he makes the second speech of his "preparedness tour." From Pittsburgh he will go to the Middle West, making numerous speeches.

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## UNCLE SAM SENDS NOTE TO VIENNA

Insists On Getting Definite Information On Sinking of Liner Persia

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, January 29.—The official reports received here that the Turkish admiral was about to issue a formal statement that the submarine which torpedoed and sank the P. & O. liner Persia, in the Mediterranean, at the end of December was a Turkish craft, flying the Crescent flag, have not been followed by any official confirmation.

In view of the silence regarding the Persia in Berlin, Vienna and Constantinople, the American government has taken the initiative and a formal request for information has been sent to the Austrian foreign office by Secretary of State Lansing. The request, which has been presented by Ambassador Penfield, asks that Austria inform the United States if any Austrian submarine commanders are aware of the facts in relation to the destruction of the Persia.

The Persia, which went down with a loss of two hundred persons, including two Americans, was torpedoed on December 20, without warning, one day after Austria had given a pledge similar to that given by Germany, that thereafter no passenger ship would be sunk until the passengers and members of the crew had been given every opportunity to leave the ship in safety.

## BRITISH STEAMER APPAM IS MISSING

Vessel With Many Passengers Now Long Overdue

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 28.—The British steamer Appam has not been reported yet, though she is long overdue. The Appam left Dakar, West Africa, for Plymouth on January 11, and may have struck a mine or been torpedoed.

The Appam carried 166 passengers and a crew of 134.

A despatch to Lloyd's Agency says that the British steamer Tregentle on January 16 passed a lifeboat bearing the name "Appam" on it.

The Appam is a twin screw steamer of 7781 gross tonnage. She was built in 1913 by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, Ireland, and is owned by the British & African Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Her home port is Liverpool, Eng.

## WORKERS OF BRITAIN OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

But Will Not Countenance Agitation To Repeal Bill

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 28.—The labor union conference at Bristol, after adopting yesterday resolutions against compulsory military service, declined to countenance any agitation for a repeal of the pending military service bill, lest the government be embarrassed in its prosecution of the war.

The conference further went on record for a revision of the munitions act, to "prevent the pretext of war being used for the greater coercion and subjection of labor."

## MESSANGER OF PONTIFF DUE IN TOKIO SOON

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, January 28.—Pope Benedict's special messenger, who is coming to Japan to celebrate the Emperor's coronation, will arrive February 2 at Tokio, and will go to the Imperial palace, where the Emperor went today.

Prince Michaelovitch of Russia sailed from Shimomaki for Korea in the Japanese battleship Kashima today, en route to Russia, via the Trans-Siberian Railroad. He visited Kure, the naval base, and Miyazima before sailing.

## IMPREGNABLE NAVY BASE ON OAHU MUST BE PACIFIC OUTPOST

Army Increases Which War College Recommends Call For Stupendous Expenditure For Defense, and An Available Trained Land Force of More Than 1,000,000 Men—Philippines Not a Military Necessity

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The retention of the Philippine Islands is not a military necessity. Such are some of the points brought out by members of the army general staff, who appeared yesterday before the house committee on military affairs to delineate the minimum requirements of adequate defense of the mainland United States against invasion by a possible enemy.

One Million Men Are Needed The army strategists declared that for the proper manning of the necessary coast defense posts and an adequate mobile army to support the batteries the United States, for the protection of the Atlantic seaboard, requires a force of a million men, quickly available in time of war.

To secure such a force today is wholly out of the question, because there are not a million trained men available and it requires at least a year to instruct a soldier sufficiently to make him useful on the firing line.

One pressing need of the country is arsenals and supply depots in sections beyond the first lunge of an invader. The present arsenals and munition plants are too close to the seaboard to be relied upon in time of war. New arsenals and depots should be established and they should be far inland from either ocean and at least a hundred miles away from both the Mexican and the Canadian boundary lines.

Philippines Are Not Essential The retention of the Philippines, or of naval bases in the archipelago, are not essential to the scheme of defense for the Pacific coast, but an impregnable base on Oahu is vitally essential, as the Hawaiian base covers the entire Pacific Coast, from the Panama Zone to Alaska.

The invasion danger points on the Pacific Coast are at San Francisco and Puget Sound, and a strong base on the Pacific Coast, in addition to that on Oahu, is recommended.

The problem on the Pacific is less pressing than that on the Atlantic, where the North Atlantic cities lie exposed at the present time to capture.

Maj. P. D. Lochridge, one of the witnesses, stated that to bring his plans of the war college into operation and to increase the army along the lines of the recommendations of the general staff, would require the expenditure of a million dollars a day. It would be impossible to carry out the program on an appropriation of less than that amount.

Additional Troops For Possessions Before the senate committee on military affairs, Lieut. Col. William G. Haan, commander of the Eastern New York Coast Artillery District, who has been working out defense plans for the war department for the past seven years, told substantially what he general staff officers were relating to the house committee. He stated that the smallest army with which the United States might hope successfully to defend its "vital areas" against a strong enemy would call for 1,025,000 men, which would be for the mainland alone and not inclusive of the garrisons for the Philippines, Hawaii, Alaska and the Panama Canal Zone.

In outlining his defense plans yesterday before the senate committee on military affairs, Lieutenant Colonel Haan said: "A force of at least 380,000 mobile troops are necessary to protect the various available landing places between Portland, Maine, and Norfolk, Virginia, exclusive of the coast artillery forces and battery personnel."

Nine Divisions For Pacific Coast "At least nine divisions would be required for the protection of the Pacific Coast. The Puget Sound section needs three divisions. One division is necessary to hold the country around the mouth of the Columbia River, and the San Francisco section would call for three divisions.

Two divisions are needed for Southern California, one centering at Los Angeles and one at San Diego. In addition, at least six divisions should be held in reserve, ready to be hurried to reinforce the defenders at seriously threatened points."

Maj. Gen. James B. Aleshire, quartermaster general, in a report issued on the estimated costs of the various army organizations proposed to congress, states that it would require \$188,000,000 a year to put into operation the army increases provided for in the Chamberlain Bill, which proposes universal military training. The Continental Army scheme of Secretary Garrison, reports the quartermaster general, could be carried through at an annual cost of \$31,000,000.

## BRITAIN STANDING PAT ON USE OF TEUTON CRAFT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, January 28.—Reports yesterday that Great Britain has altered its position regarding the operation of German-owned ships, and is inclined to be more lenient in this respect, were today denied. Great Britain's position is unchanged, it is declared.

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## ANTI-TEUTON RIOTS AROUSE LAUSANNE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, January 28.—Despatches from Geneva declare that serious anti-German demonstrations broke out yesterday at Lausanne, Switzerland, during which large crowds surged up and down the streets, shouting angrily. The demonstrations became so menacing that the police used their sabres to quell the crowds. A German flag which was being flown in honor of the Kaiser's birthday was torn down and the crowd sang the "Marseillaise" spiritedly.